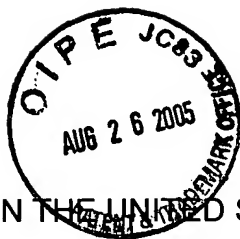


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Sir :

This submission is in response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2005. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on August 29, 2005 (August 27, falling on a Saturday), this Response is being timely filed and a Request for Extension of Time is therefore not believed necessary. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office should deem an extension of time to be necessary, authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee therefore or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following Amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include reference to three attached replacement sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks/ Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 25 of this paper.